



Pope Francis waves as he arrives for his general audience in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican March 14. (CNS/Paul Haring)

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Pope Francis was elected to the papacy five years ago on March 13, 2013.

**On the show today:**

- [Joshua J. McElwee](#), who covers the Vatican for NCR
- [Michael Sean Winters](#), writing for NCR on the nexus of religion and politics

### **Background reading and listening:**

- Pope Francis' clergy sexual abuse commission needs more time to work directly with the pope, [says a former member](#).
- A Chilean cardinal and member of Pope Francis' advisory Council of Cardinals has [written a letter to rebut media reports](#) that the pope's visit to Chile in January was a failure.
- Pope Francis is striking a deep and profound chord with many U.S. Catholics through the lens of organized labor, [writes Winters](#).
- [A Pope Francis Lexicon](#) is a new volume co-edited by Joshua J. McElwee and Catholic News Service's Cindy Wooden, collecting 54 essays by prominent figures on the different words that have become important in the ministry of Pope Francis.
- Read all of NCR's coverage of [Francis at five years](#).
- ICYMI: Last March, [we spoke with Austen Ivereigh](#) about Pope Francis' legacy.

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